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5. [] Called John Lehman, White House staff, and explained our problem with Representative Charles Rangel's request for some classified intelligence reports on foreign narcotic traffic. Lehman approved the points made in a proposed letter to Rangel in which we explained our reasons for not providing the reports, but offering an oral briefing and an unclassified study instead.

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6. [] Left with the secretary of Mr. Al Tarabochia, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, prints made from undeveloped 25X1 film which had been taken by [] Mr. Tarabochia's secretary was told that she would be given prints from the remainder of the film as soon as it is developed.

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7. [] Called Joseph Thach, Research Analyst, House Internal Security Committee, and told him that we could not distinguish the case of [] from statements by other prisoners of war, and for this reason, we could not lift the dissemination control that applies to his statements in the [] Thach then asked if he could develop the theme content of these statements without identifying the prisoner of war through selective quotations, and I said I would check. Subsequently, [] advised that ISA objects to such use, and arrangements were made for Thach to call Admiral Epes, ISA, and to get us out of the middle. Thach was very understanding of our position as was Robert Horner, Chief Investigator of the Committee, with whom I also talked. (See Journal of 26 May 1972)

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8. [] Called Ray McRae, Minority Counsel, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Committee on Government Operations, and discussed the prospects of advisory committee legislation in the Senate before the Congress adjourns. McRae seemed to be sympathetic to the problems that the legislation may cause the Agency. He will check with Senator Metcalf (D., Mont.) on whether he intends to push S. 3529 and let us know the outcome. McRae was unaware of the reasons for dropping from S. 3529 the exemption for national security or intelligence, which appeared in Metcalf's earlier bill, S. 1637, but speculated that probably it was a matter of inattention and was optimistic about our chances for restoring it. He said that Senator Metcalf and Senator Percy, who was not on the Subcommittee, were most interested in the legislation. McRae said that he would like to discuss this further when he got more information.

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